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The Stephens family was named the Northwest Missouri State University Family of the Year Saturday. From left to right is Karleen, Adam, John, Alex and Abby.

Iowa family receives award

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
CHIEF REPORTER

For John Stephens and his family of five, Northwest has been like a second home.

And during halftime of Saturday's game, the Diagonal, Iowa, family was awarded for that dedication with "Family of the Year" honors.

"I found out Tuesday, and I was really excited," said Abby

Stephens, elementary education major. "The \$500 scholarship is great, and I didn't expect to get all of the perks we got."

John Stephens and his wife, Karleen, attended Northwest in the 1970s.

"(Abby) told us she entered us, but we didn't think we would win," Karleen said. "We were excited. We have fond memories of Northwest in the '70s."

"It's amazing that they had the

same amount of students then, but not as many resources," John added.

John and Karleen's oldest son, Adam, is graduating in December with a degree in secondary education. Their youngest son, Alex, is planning to attend Northwest next fall.

Both John and Karleen were involved with Greek life. John was a member of Phi Sigma Kappa and Karleen was a member of Phi

Mu. However, Adam chose Sigma Phi Epsilon and Abby chose Alpha Sigma Alpha.

"It broke my heart when she didn't choose Phi Mu," Karleen said sarcastically. "(Greek life) changes. We just don't want them to come home every weekend and be suitcases."

The Stephens began the day at College Park where Northwest Alumni Association hosted

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Rapes likely to be rumor

By ABBY SIMONS
MANAGING EDITOR

While official reports fail to match rampant rumors of sexual assaults at Northwest, police are urging students to breathe easy—without compromising safety.

The topic of alleged rapes in Residence Halls has most recently dominated talk on campus, with rumors of assaults in Hudson, Millikan and Dieterich.

Director of Campus Safety Clarence Green said while he is aware of rumors, little action could be taken if no reports are filed with Campus Safety or Student Affairs.

"I heard some rumors that someone was raped in Dieterich, but I don't believe we've had one that has occurred in the Residence

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Northwest earns shot at Baldrige

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
CHIEF REPORTER

On a cold and rainy Thursday afternoon, President Dean Hubbard received arguably the best news he had heard all week: Northwest had been chosen as a finalist for the Malcolm Baldrige Award.

The Baldrige Award is a national award given to the university that displays a high level of quality.

"It's incredible," Hubbard gasped. "I've gotten phone calls and e-mails already."

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Rapes likely to be rumors

Halls so far that has been reported," Green said. "I'm not going to say there hasn't been any, but we haven't had anything reported to us."

Rumors continue to circulate regarding off-campus incidences such as attempted kidnappings, and the drugging, beating and sexual assaults of young women. Truth applies to some incidents, including an Aug. 28 report of off-campus acquaintance rape. However, Lt. Ron Christian of Maryville Public Safety said most hearsay is false.

"There have been some odd cases that are not typical of what we usually get," he said. "And I think that's where the rumor mill gets cranked up pretty hard."

According to Aug. 7 police reports, a woman reported to Public Safety that she had possibly been assaulted in the 500 block of West Third Street. Christian said the case was initially investigated as a possible rape, but was later ruled an accident when examinations failed to find evidence of any physical or sexual assault.

Christian said while some questions remain unanswered, evidence did not point to intentional harm.

"She was not beaten. She did fall down a set of stairs and we're pretty sure the injury sustained was an acci-

dent and not influenced by anyone else," Christian said. "She did have an injury, but we were unable to establish who caused that injury to her."

Christian said unanswered questions in the case are what led to misconceptions.

"It's really kind of a mystery as to what happened," Christian said, "But I think most of the rumors running around town in regards to that case have been shown to be inaccurate or greatly distorted."

According to Aug. 16 police reports, a woman reported to Public Safety that several men attempted to physically force her into their vehicle while she was walking in the 500 block of North Buchanan. The woman resisted her assailants, who then fled. Because of a vague description of both the assailants and the vehicle, Christian said the investigation is currently without leads.

"Whether it was an attempted rape or college boys being silly, we just don't know, and we're concerned about that," he said. "We do know we haven't had similar incidences before or since then."

Carol Cowles, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, said her office has also received one anonymous report of an off-campus sexual

assault. Cowles said although students should not be unnecessarily alarmed, heightened awareness of sexual assault in general is vital.

"I don't want people to be alarmed that somehow this year is a terrible year full of sexual assaults, but on the other hand, I certainly think that, as people are new to a collective environment and experiencing new freedoms, the possibility of assault or acquaintance rape is really heightened," she said. "Add that to the effects of alcohol on decision making, and you've got a really problem combination."

Cowles said she hoped students would utilize the resources available to them on campus, including Campus Safety's rape prevention class, as well as Tuesday's "Get Carded Day." University Health Center employees and peer educators will hand out cards designed to teach students how to avoid and handle sexual assault.

Because acquaintance rape makes up a majority of most sexual assault cases, Christian said the most effective defense is proper judgment.

"Most rapes, fortunately, are not the classic rape where the stalker is hiding in the bushes," he said. "It's important that when we go to parties and in social situations, we keep an eye out for each other and for risky behavior. The alcohol is always a problem, and sometimes if somebody has too much to drink, that judgment gets impaired. We need to look out for each other and make sure everyone stays safe."

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Northwest earns shot at Baldrige

Seventeen universities applied for the award, which was then narrowed down to 7, and the final cut was made Thursday afternoon, according to Student Regent Paul Klute.

The national team of examiners will visit Northwest Oct. 19.

"From now until then we will be getting things ready," Klute said.

Northwest has applied for the award three times, Klute said.

"You have to be excited," Hubbard said. "They only visit potential winners. It's kind of like getting to the Super Bowl. Once you get there, you want to win it."

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Iowa family receives award

Bearcat Zone. Then they went to sit in their complimentary reserved seats before meeting with President Dean Hubbard in his suite.

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What will you find in next Thursday's *Missourian*?

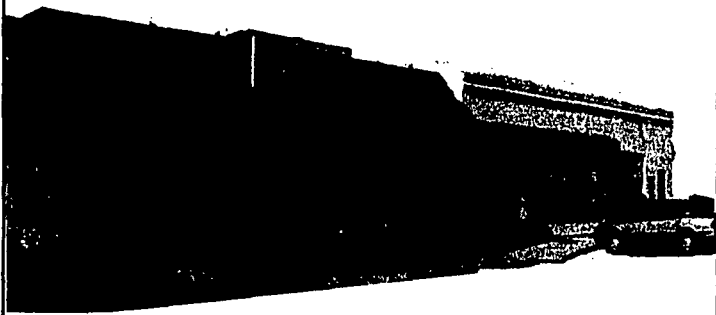
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Columnist picks favorite 'oldies'

I had a bit of an "age-identity" crisis the other day. I mean, one minute I'm cruising to Hy-Vee, playing air drums on the steering wheel to Rick Springfield and REO Speedwagon. The next minute, I'm crushed to hear the words "You've been listening to the oldies on—" OLDIES?!? Who gave these people permission to call the tunes that got me through high school and college (and an untold number of crushes and hangovers) OLDIES? However, always trying to find a positive in life's little negatives, I thought — wait! That would make a great movie column: movies of the 1980s. It's classic to us oldies, retro to the youngsters. Everybody wins.

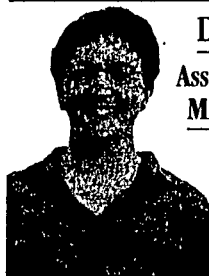
Now because my memory isn't what it used to be (but it has nothing to do with OLDIES! I'm not bitter; can you tell?) I thought I'd do a little Internet research to help me recall some of those movies from the '80s. And what a great site I found: '80s Movie Rewind (www.fast-rewind.com/). Here, you just click on the movie you like and find loads of info on where to buy it on VHS or DVD, what's on the soundtrack and even trivia like

"In what high school was '3 O'Clock High' shot?" (Ogden High School, in case you were curious).

I don't purport to list here all the great movies from the 1980s. After all, you probably already know and have seen most of the classics from that period: "Ghandi," "E.T.," "The Princess Bride," "All the Right Moves," "Wall Street," the "Back to the Future" series, the "Indiana Jones" series and a large collection of John Hughes flicks. And then there are the simply awful ones: "Howard the Duck," "Killer Klowns from Outer Space" and "Porky's" (which I have to admit I paid good money to see at the theatre). Instead, I thought I'd give you a baker's dozen of some really great fun that you may have missed (Availability: MG = Movie Gallery; MM = Movie Magic)

If I had to pick my absolute favorite to begin with it would have to be "Heathers" (MM). Just squeezing into the decade (it was made in 1989), this movie epitomized the '80s for me, coming from a rich high school myself where you weren't cool unless you had an alligator on your left chest and Bass shoes on your feet. In this

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dark comedy, cliques can be fatal, and you cheer when the quarterback bites it. Starring Winona Rider, Christian Slater and Shannen Doherty, it's got some of the best lines I've ever heard (I can't repeat the chainsaw line here!), and subtle and (not-so-subtle) double entendres abound: the cops are Milner and McCord (any "Adam-12" fans out there?), two best friends are Betty and Veronica...can you see where I'm going with this? It's a hoot, although I'm sure if it had been released a decade later, it would've been blamed for high school shootings. Fortunately, back in the '80s, we found movies cathartic, not motivational.

If you're in the mood for action or thrillers, I'd highly recommend "Escape from New York," (MM) with Kurt Russell as a war hero turned convict sent into New York, now a maximum security prison (yes, the whole city), to rescue the president whose plane has crashed there. Okay, I know it sounds stupid that they would turn the whole city into a prison, and it's even funnier that the future in the movie is 1997, but trust me on this—

it's a classic. Besides Russell's name in the movie is Snake Plissken—you just know he's gonna kick some you-know-what!

Another good one is "10 to Midnight." I'm not a traditional Charles Bronson fan but the fact that this movie haunts me to this day — and I've only seen it once — should say something. Unfortunately, I couldn't find it locally in the video stores but keep

an eye out for it on television sometime. "Blow Out," (MM) with John Travolta as a film sound engineer who "witnesses" a murder through his microphone, is taut and suspenseful. However, if you like your action with a touch of comedy, I highly recommend "Gotcha!" starring Anthony Edwards as a college student who inadvertently becomes engaged in international espionage. Again, I couldn't find it locally, but I'm always seeing this one on TBS or the like.

If you want to see the best movie ending in history, check out another great thriller from the '80s: "No Way Out" (MM). It's the scene between Kevin Costner and Sean Young in the backseat of the limo that has received the most attention, but if you don't absolutely gasp at the strange twist at the end of this movie, well, I just don't know what to do with you!

However, all-in-all, one of my favorite action movies from this decade has got to be "Red Dawn" (MG, MM). And, no, it isn't just because Charlie Sheen is in it. (He was my man in the '80s. Whom am I kidding? He's still my man.) This story about high school stu-

dents who head to the hills to fight off an invasion by the Russians—remember, this was the '80s—is textbook, patriotic propaganda, and I loved it! Amazingly, it holds up well in today's world.

Not all of my favorite movies from the '80s are action or thrillers. In fact, those are rarely my favorites. I'm usually into romances, and my picks from this time include "Baby Boom," "Ladyhawke," "Little Darlings," and "Name of the Rose." And what's so great about each of these? Well, in order: Sam Shepard, Rutger Hauer, Armand Assante and Christian Slater. Do you get the feeling my movie-going experiences were influenced by good-looking male leads? Umm, wonder why that is.

"Baby Boom" (MM) is about a corporate woman who finds true love when she downsizes her life. "Ladyhawke" (MM) is a mystical tale of two lovers parted by a curse. "Little Darlings" is Kristy McNichol and Tatum O'Neal losing their virginity, and "Name of the Rose" (MM) is a dark-ages murder mystery (but there is romance, even if Slater is a monk. You gotta love Hollywood.). Sorry, I couldn't find "Little Darlings" locally, but it is available on VHS.

In conclusion, let me suggest a couple of flicks that I loved from the '80s but really didn't know how to classify: "Flash Gordon" and "Blue Velvet." I think I include "Flash Gordon" (MM) here just to share that overwhelming foolishness we all feel when we have that one guilty-pleasure movie we're a bit afraid to tell others about. I suppose some would call "Flash Gordon" a comedy, but I honestly think the filmmaker was taking himself seriously when he made this action-adventure celluloid comic book. If you can't enjoy the cheesiness in this flick, then you really need to lighten up because, I'm sorry, but this movie is just darn fun!

Now, if "Flash Gordon" is just darn fun, then "Blue Velvet" (MM) is just darn weird. I got done watching this film the first time and found myself exhaling as if I'd just climbed off a roller coaster ride where I'd forgotten to breathe. It's mystery and violence all wrapped up in psychedelia. Don't expect to understand it; just sit back and enjoy it!

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Movie spins web of complex characters

By JOSH HARRISON

DAILY NEBRASKAN (U. NEBRASKA)

(U-WIRE) LINCOLN, Neb. - Ever been conned out of small amounts of money by persons other than members of the GOP? See also: Telemarketers, door-to-door salesmen, televangelists.

These small time crooks are the topic of the new Ridley Scott film, "Matchstick Men." The crooks don't specialize in million-dollar scores. They grind it out everyday with payoffs more in the double and triple digit range.

And according to Roy, the film's main character, the only difference between a criminal and a con artist is a criminal takes your money, but you give your money to the con artist.

Nicolas Cage plays Roy. Roy is a

seasoned con man. See also: matchstick man, grifter, insider. Roy also has obsessive-compulsive disorder. See also: Agoraphobia, hypochondria, trichotillomania.

Scamming people just happens to fit into Roy's artificial sense of stability.

Roy's house is meticulously clean. Roy's partner and protege Frank (Sam Rockwell) is meticulously not. While there isn't a streak on Roy's windows or crumb on his carpet, Frank is continuously disheveled and lives off the fast food lying around his apartment.

But Frank fits into Roy's routine, and they comfortably swindle together as long as Roy gets his pill every day.

When Roy inadvertently spills a whole bottle of his illegally obtained pills down the garbage disposal one day, the exploits come to a mean halt.

To add to the troubles, Roy suddenly comes into contact with his 14-year-old daughter Angela (Alison Lohman), whom he has never met.

So Roy tries to start a relationship with this misbegotten child while simultaneously trying to tame his neurosis. Just when things seem to level out, partner Frank offers up

a big score.

One doesn't quite know what to expect after seeing the previews for this film. Is it going to be more of a heist film, more of a drama, a comedy or what?

It's really a character piece centered on Cage's character, but Ridley Scott does a nice job of combining all the aforementioned elements.

To say anymore would be to give away the movie, but there couldn't

be a better choice for director in a film about an obsessive-compulsive character because there isn't a frame in a Ridley Scott film that isn't painstakingly composed.

And he combines all the elements for a taut yet smoothly delivered story.

The tone is altogether uncomfortable and comical at the same time, and Hans Zimmer's Muzak score complements the scenarios nicely by adding surplus normalcy to the hysteria.

But overall, the characters are what make the movie worth a sit.

Cage's ticks prove to be a little annoying after a while but never go so far as to be distracting. Rockwell gives another fine performance as a quirky character, and he and Cage prove for some good chemistry.

Not to mention the characters of Roy and Frank offset each other perfectly.

But the real audience pleaser is the relationship between Roy and Angela. Besides the obvious laughs that come from a father dealing with a teenage, hormone-saturated daughter, the film offers just enough cuddly "aahhhs" to make it kind of sweet.

That's in the mushy sense. Not the wow-that-explosion-was-sweet sense.

"Matchstick Men" is Oscar quality, though I doubt it will receive such honors because of the abundance of heist films nowadays. But trophies or not, this one at least adds an air of confidence to the genre.



Ask HOLLYWOOD

Is Anthony Edwards dead? Was Britney in a horror flick?

Q: Can you tell me if the actor Anthony Edwards, who played Mark Greene on "ER," really died? If not, what is he doing now? — L.J., Newcomb, Md.

A: Anthony Edwards is alive and well, and he recently completed the movie "The Thunderbirds," which is scheduled for release next year. This year he was in the movie "Northfork."

Q: I watched the movie "Cabin by the Lake" on television. I really liked the background music. It was haunting. Can I purchase a recording? — M.F., Pea Ridge, Ark.

A: The soundtrack by Daniel Licht and Frankie Blue has not been released, but you can find the film on VHS and DVD at Amazon.com (www.amazon.com).

Q: I love watching horror movies. My favorite movies are "Scream," "I Know What You Did Last Summer" and "Cabin by the Lake." How can I get them on video? How can I get the movie with Britney Spears in it? What's the name of it? — D.R., Mabelvale, Ark.

A: The Spears movie is called "Crossroads," and all of the movies you mentioned are widely available on VHS and DVD. Ask at any store that sells videos. If they don't have the films you want, they can order them for you.

Q: I'm a big fan of Bobby Darin. How many movies did he make? When did he die? — M.H., Normal, Ill.



A: Pop singer Darin appeared in 16 films, including director John Cassavetes' 1961 "Too Late Blues" and "Captain Newman, M.D.," for which he was nominated for a best supporting actor Oscar. Darin died in 1973 after open-heart surgery. He was 37 years old.

Q: I am a huge fan of World Wrestling Entertainment. My favorite wrestler is Trish Stratus. She is so cute! What can you tell me about her? Do you know where I can write to her? — R.K., Sandwich, Ill.

A: Her real name is Patricia Anne Stratigias, and she was born in 1975 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Before becoming a wrestler, she attended York University in Toronto. You can write to her at Stratus Enterprises Inc., 5468 Dundas St. West, Suite No. 579, Toronto, Ontario M9B6E3 Canada.

Q: Where can I write to Bob Barker? — C.C., Lawrence, Mass.

A: You can write to Barker at 5750 Wilshire Blvd., No. 475 W, Los Angeles, CA 90036.

Q: I have three questions about "The Wheel of Fortune." Has Vanna White remarried? How many children does she have? How many children does Pat Sajak have? — L.M., Schmidt, Grand Island, Neb.

A: White has not remarried, and she has two children. Sajak is married and also has two children.

Q: I'm a big fan of David McCallum. Didn't he star in the TV series "The Invisible Man" back in the 1970s?



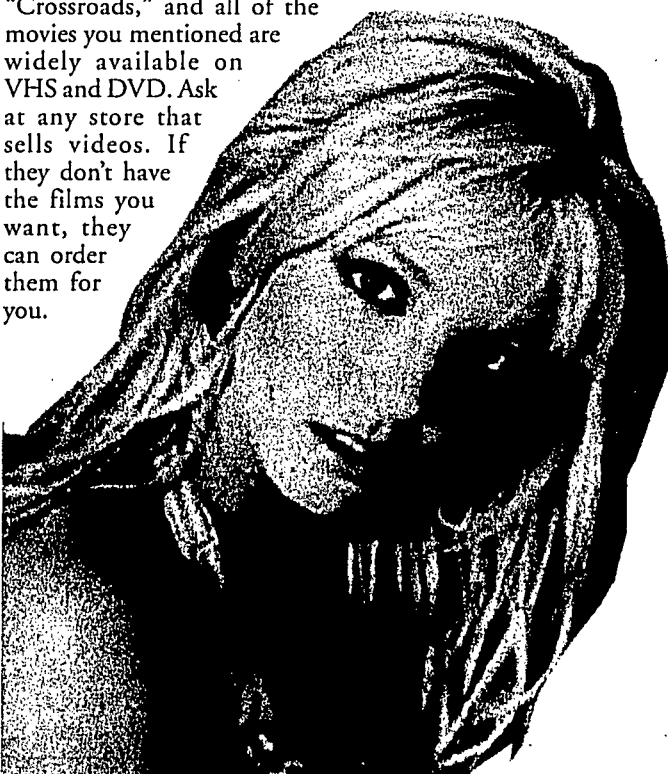
How long was the show on the air? Who else was in it? Is McCallum still acting? — F.M., Terra Bella, Calif.

A: Yes, McCallum did star in the 1975 series "The Invisible Man." The show ran for 14 episodes and co-starred Melinda O. Fee and Craig Stevens. McCallum is currently working on a new series for CBS called "NCIS," which stands for Naval Criminal Investigative Service. The series, which also stars Mark Harmon, premieres Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 8 p.m. EST. Check your local listings.

Q: My 17-year-old daughter and I saw the thriller "The Ring" on video, and I would like to know, who is the young actress who played Samara (the girl ghost)? Where is she from, and how old is she? — D.Z., Fresno, Calif.

A: Samara was played by Daveigh Chase. She is from Los Angeles, Calif., and is 13 years old. She does the voice of Lilo in the TV show the "The Adventures of Lilo & Stitch."

(Send your questions to Ask Hollywood, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016.)



Columnist begs to differ with Bush viewpoints

Debate 101: In order to "prove" something, you must produce facts. Practically ripping open my newest issue of the *Missourian*, I could hardly wait the glorious news, diverse views, and truths I was so eager to absorb.

Lo and behold, my heart jumped for joy! Parents, I am coming home. No more political science classes. Forget about sociology, and economics that will all just trickle down someone else's back. I have learned everything I need to know in Sean Comer's Sept. 18 "My View."

As I begin this dripping with sarcasm, I want to assure you last Thursday's, "President's policies prove not so evil" was dripping with anything but proof.

My colleague began weaving his view by recalling the visit to Kansas City bestowed by our blameless president. First, I'd like to share another view of

these visits, which those fighting to provide real economic stimulus have called the "Message: I care (But Don't Expect Us to Do Anything About it) Tour."

On Aug. 21, Bush returned to Oregon to rally after long ago telling citizens he would not rest "until people who want to find work are able to find a job." The 18,600 Oregon citizens -who had since joined the millions of our nation's unemployed- had hoped their leader would fulfill his promise. Surely, he would address the needs of the state with America's highest unemployment rate.

Did he? Hey now, don't blame this guy. Ignore it, just as he did, by changing the subject.

Indeed, there was a rally in Oregon, but not for job creation; the President's visit to Oregon included rallying \$1 million dollars for his campaign.

Don't blame this guy. Come on,

My View

LIZZI SEXTON

MISSOURIAN REPORTER



he is really busy. As the President crusades through the country wearing Top-Gun like flight suits, I won't blame him. Seriously, I love Tom Cruise.

Perhaps the children in Oregon that have been left behind by Bush's Child Tax Credit Provision shouldn't blame anyone either. Tough luck kids, in this economy as Mr. Comer reminded us, there are losers. The 51 percent of Oregon tax payers who received less than \$100 from Bush's tax cut, you all don't make enough

money to "pump back into the economy" anyway.

After all, Mr. Comer told us the president is trying. He really didn't have a lot to work with, either. Record surpluses, the longest economic expansion in history and the 22 million new jobs created under President Clinton would be too much for any kid in a candy store to handle. I can't blame anyone using "sound economic principles" like proposing a \$1.3 trillion tax cut because we have a surplus. Wait a minute, the surplus is gone, and we have a deficit. Let's try another \$1.3 trillion cut. Oops, we lost another million jobs. What should we do? Eureka! Another tax cut!

The real facts are that the Bush Economy has the worst job creation record since the Great Depression.

Our voices may be squashed or ignored, but we provide facts and truth.

However crazy it may seem, there are politicians who pursue hard work and fiscal discipline with sane economic policies of providing tax relief to those who are most likely to put money back into the economy.

I won't blame the president for being "evil."

Instead, I will let the 2001 winner of the Nobel Prize for Economics, George Akerlof, say, "This is the worst government the U.S. has ever had in its more than 200 years of history. This is not normal government policy."

I won't blame the president, even though Akerlof said, "What we have here is a form of looting."

Rather, I will blame myself and I will blame you for ignoring the facts. I will blame us for failing our children by preaching false images of compassion as we ignore the facts.

If only my economics professor could see me now.

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Nervous markings on a tablecloth reflect the anxiety that students face when figuring tuition costs. Approximately 65 percent of students surveyed said they were experiencing more stress due to financial concerns.

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AN EMPTY WALLET EPIDEMIC

The equations continue as students try to balance tuition bills and empty pocketbooks.

By BETSY LEE
FEATURES EDITOR

For Jeff Poen, life as a Northwest Bearcat simply wasn't worth it.

Poen attended Northwest for a semester and a half and racked up over \$15,000 in loans. After his car stopped running and he was facing new bills, Poen found a cheaper education at Iowa Western Community College.

"I was taking out the maximum in loans every semester," Poen said. "It's hard to pay so much when you feel like it's getting ridiculous."

In the past three years, Northwest's in-state tuition and fees for a 15-credit-hour schedule has risen over \$750 per semester. Out-of-state seniors, who as freshman paid around \$2,700 per semester, now find themselves footing a \$4,000 bill for the same number of classes.

"I was sick and tired of being a poor college kid," Poen said. "Now I've got a more affordable education."

While Poen struggled to cover tuition and fees at Northwest, he said covering his Iowa Western expenses is easy. He works during the day and takes classes at night.

"In one week I can work enough to pay for one class at Iowa Western," Poen said. "That wasn't possible at Northwest."

Mark Jelavich, professor in Accounting, Economics and Finance, said rising costs has resulted in a student migration to community colleges.

"College students are shopping for a low-cost education," Jelavich said.

Jelavich explained that rising tuition costs are due primarily to state cutbacks. Higher education is one of the first areas cut.

"Higher education has other sources of income," Jelavich said. "Students can make up the difference in funding whereas programs like welfare and road construction don't have that."

Jelavich said he didn't see tuition falling anytime soon and students will continue to shoulder the burden. According to Del Morley, director of financial aid, 65 to 67 percent of Northwest students borrow money for college. Morley said that number has increased slightly in the past few years. The average debt of a student who borrows is more than \$17,000 at graduation. When a student is going into a low-paying profession, that type of debt can cause concern.

School	% of students with debt	Avg. debt per student
Missouri Rolla	64 %	\$17,900
Northwest	66 %	\$17,000
Missouri Southern	36 %	\$15,168
Missouri Western	65 %	\$15,150
Truman State	46 %	\$14,382
Central Mo. State	58 %	\$14,322

"I'm pretty worried about being able to make my loan payments after I graduate," Becca Thompson said.

Thompson, an art major, said she thought a couple of times about switching majors to deal with the loans. Jelavich said students abandoning their major of choice is another result of rising tuition costs and increasing student loans.

"You will get more and more people chasing those high-end jobs," Jelavich said. "All because they're trying to pay off their debt."

Though Thompson decided to stick with art because it is her passion, she thinks often about making enough money to pay her loans back.

"We just keep digging ourselves deeper," Thompson said. "And with the declining economy, jobs after graduation just aren't there."

A lack of jobs has been an additional problem for students trying to finish school. Jake Phillips, a student employee, has been looking for another job since he got back to Maryville in the fall.

"The economy is so bad I haven't been able to find one," Phillips said. "I've been looking all over."

Phillips has had to turn to his dad to help pay his rent and bills.

"My dad's really cool about it because he knows I'm trying," Phillips said. "But every time I ask I feel like I'm not doing enough."

Though Shayla Thomas hasn't had trouble finding a job,

she can't find one that pays enough to cover her costs. She currently works three jobs.

"I was going to try and quit my job at Campus Dining, but then I wouldn't have been able to afford my bill," Thomas said.

Thomas was frustrated by the increase in tuition. She said when she saw that tuition had gone up for the semester, she immediately thought about how quickly she could graduate.

"Some people choose their university based on the cost and we may not be able to afford an increase," Thomas said.

Though Ashley Kempf says she doesn't view paying for school as a "terrible struggle," she said she chose Northwest because it costs less than other schools.

"It's kind of misleading because I could have gone to another school for the same price," Kempf said.

Thomas said she thought tuition should be frozen at what a student pays when they enter the institution.

Morely said schools that freeze tuition rates count on increased enrollment to make up the revenue. He said Northwest tried freezing room and dorm rates in the past but it didn't have a strong enough effect.

Morley and Jelavich agree that Northwest has handled the state cutbacks well.

"This campus has been better off in terms of cuts than many others," Jelavich said.

Despite this, Jelavich recognizes the problem with sending graduates into the job market with debt.

"Students become less likely to spend money on larger assets like homes and cars, which can further weaken the economy," Jelavich said.

Easing the strain of paying for college means preparation according to Morely. Morely said many families don't anticipate the high costs. Morely also recommends moderation when taking out loans.

"Borrow only what you need," Morely said. "And borrow for needs and not wants."

Students struggling with debt are also advised to pay off credit card debt first because of high interest rates. Morely also said students can save money by consolidating loans after graduation.

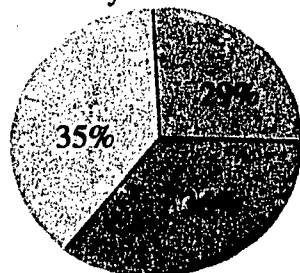
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NUMBERS

BY THE

The Northwest Missourian staff conducted a survey to determine how increased tuition has affected students. Using a random sample, the staff contacted juniors and seniors by telephone. The results of the survey are accurate within +/-5 percent.

If you have student loans, how much do you owe?



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 \$5,000 - \$10,000
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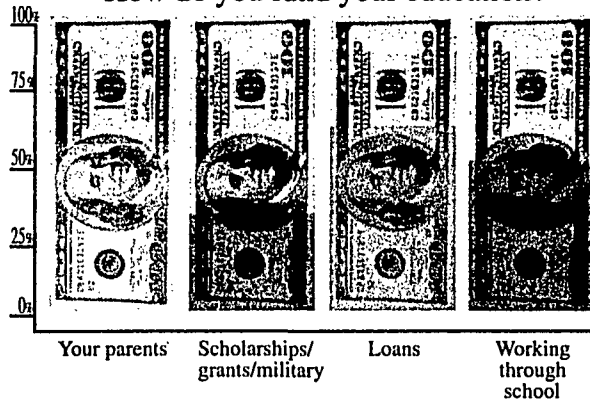
69%

of those who borrowed took out more annual loans in the past two years.

54%

of those working through school increased hours or jobs to afford school.

How do you fund your education?



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Coach with local ties takes over reigns for Spoofhounds

By ANDY TIMKO
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

She's a Northwest graduate with a teaching degree, a Northwest career record and a knack for coaching volleyball.

For those who haven't heard by now, Heather Stoecklein is the new biology teacher and head coach who is making waves with the Spoofhounds volleyball team at Maryville High School.

"I enjoy the girls and their excitement to play," Stoecklein said. "It's neat to watch them excel."

Heather started playing volleyball in seventh grade on an

intramural team and continued to play through high school at Platte County High School.

After graduating from high school, Northwest offered Heather a chance to walk on with the volleyball team. She accepted, played for four years and is a third place record holder with 1,291 career digs.

"I really got to play a lot, and that kept me in the game," Stoecklein said. "I really wanted to coach when I graduated, and that was a natural transition for me."

Stoecklein coached at Nodaway-Holt as head coach for four years before moving to

Maryville to become a teacher and volleyball head coach.

"It was something different," Stoecklein said. "It seemed like a step up coaching wise, and it just seemed like the right thing to do."

Heather still plays volleyball on a city team when she has time, but she is focusing more on teaching, coaching

and spending time with her family.

The Maryville Spoofhounds volleyball team jumped back on track Tuesday night with another victory, bringing their record to 7-2-1 for the season.

Last Thursday, the 'Hounds dropped their match against Platte County in two games (22-25, 21-25) and went on a two-game losing skid.

"We missed our serves at the end of the game again," Stoecklein said. "It's little things that add up, and they end up being big things that hurt us in the end."

In Tuesday's match against

Benton, the 'Hounds looked like they were back in their old form, winning in three games (25-17, 23-25, 26-24).

"It was a tough match, just like Clarinda," Stoecklein said. "The girls just had to pull through and focus. They did that tonight, and we ended up with a win."

Thursday, Maryville defeated Lafayette in three sets (16-25, 25-16, 25-21).

The 'Hounds are back in action at 7 p.m. Tuesday night at Chillicothe and again at 7 p.m. Thursday at home against Cameron.

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'Hounds volleyball

'Cats drop two in a row

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest women's soccer team has been missing a key element in their last two losses: scoring goals.

The Bearcats were held scoreless against Graceland University and Central Missouri State University in the last week.

"We had a few breakdowns," head coach Tracey Cross said. "Unless we start putting the ball in the back of the net, we aren't going to win very many games."

Even with the lack of offense, the defense has shown signs of life, allowing only four goals in their last three matches.

"Our defense is looking good," Cross said. "(Our assistant coach) does a good job with the defense. We are doing a good job of cutting people off."

Against Central, the Bearcats

held the Mules scoreless until the 95th minute when Michele Gonzales headed a ball into the right corner of the net for the "golden goal" and a 1-0 win.

Freshman Alison Sheridan had four saves for the 'Cats. Fellow freshman Jamie Campbell led the team with five shots against the Mules.

Last Sunday, the Bearcats fell to Graceland 2-0, though they trailed most of the game by just one goal.

"The Graceland game was a game we could have and should have gotten a win from," Cross said.

With the losses, Northwest's record falls to 2-3 and 1-1 in the MIAA.

Up next for Northwest is a home match against Rockhurst on Tuesday at Bearcat Pitch. Game time is 4 p.m.



Beth Gutschenritter takes a shot last week against Washburn. Gutschenritter and the rest of the Bearcats have struggled to find the back of the net in their last two games, getting shutout 2-0 and 1-0. The 'Cats are back in action on Wednesday taking on Rockhurst University at Bearcat Pitch.

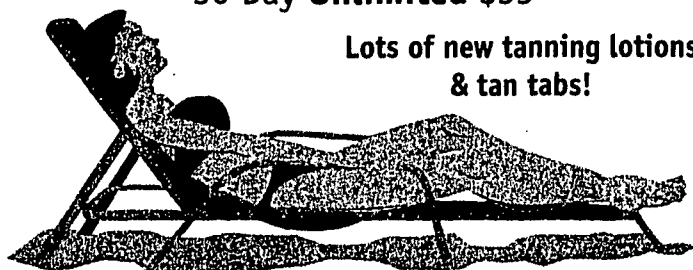
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'Hounds 36 Warriors 14 'Hounds: 29 first half points but only one first down ... Burnsides and Evan Wilmes-double digit tackles each ... Up next is Smithville at home

MHS defense overworked in home win

Maryville moves to 3-0 after thumping of Pius X

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

Maryville's defense may have clued their future opponents in on what their one weakness is.

Coming out of the locker room after halftime with a 29-0 lead, the 'Hounds surrendered their first touchdown of the year, after St. Pius X orchestrated a 6:22 drive.

"At one point my defensive coordinator said could you guys take a little longer to score because my guys are tired," head coach John Pelzer said. "There was a time when we ran 10 plays and scored 22 points."

Keeping the defense on the field for a long period of time was the only time the 3-0 'Hounds struggled in their 36-14 win over Pius, the defending Class 2 state champions.

After going three-and-out on their first possession, Senior

Joseph Drake picked up a Warrior fumble putting Maryville in good position for a score.

Senior Bryce Buholt got the 'Hounds on the board first scoring from 13 yards out.

Maryville's second touchdown of the game also came on the legs of Buholt, who outran the Pius defense for an 81-yard score.

"Our offensive line dominated them," Buholt said. "We practiced running harder and worked harder than anything on pass protection this week. Our offensive line stepped it up and just shut them down."

Leading 16-0, the defense had their turn at scoring, when defensive lineman Vince Wiederholt scored off of a 50-yard interception.

Before the first half was complete, the second half of the double trouble combo, Brant Gregg found the endzone on a 63-yard score. His touchdown, like Buholt's second, was on the first play of the possession.

Gregg would tack on a second



PHOTO BY JOE KNUST/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior defensive lineman Vince Wiederholt (58) runs back a 50-yard interception for a touchdown in the second quarter of the 'Hounds' win over St. Pius Friday night.

touchdown in the third quarter from three yards out.

Buholt finished the night with 149 yards on the ground and Gregg with 105.

"I think (the running game) was just a result of a great week of practice," Pelzer said. "We

talked to the kids a lot and said practice doesn't make perfect, but perfect practice made perfect. We had our best practices of the year on Tuesday and Wednesday offensively. I think that led to a good offensive production tonight."

Maryville 36
St. Pius X 14

Scoring by quarter

Pius X	0	0	7	7	14
Maryville	16	13	0	7	36

First quarter

MHS - Buholt 13 yd run (Auxler conversion) 7:28

MHS - Buholt 81 yd run (McKim conversion) :03

Second quarter

MHS - Wiederholt INT return (conversion failed) 9:05

MHS - Gregg 63 yd run (Demott kick) 1:51

Third quarter

SPX - Cashmore 6 yd run (Lickteig kick) 5:30

Fourth quarter

MHS - Gregg 3 yd run (Demott kick) 11:54

SPX - Walterbach 23 yd pass from Lackey, (Lickteig kick) 7:23

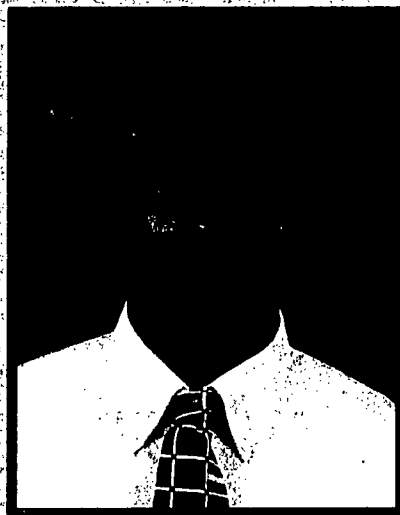
Game stats

MHS	Stat	SPX
10	First downs	12
288	Total yards	191
33	Rush attempts	29
256	Rushing yards	71
6	Pass attempts	29
2	Pass comp.	16
32	Passing yards	120
81	Return yards	57
2-1	Fumbles-lost	1-1
2-9	Sacks by-yards	0-0
21:17	Time of Poss.	26:43

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Spotlight Player

Rector finished Saturday's game with 168 yards on eight receptions. Rector had 2 touchdowns before leaving the game in the fourth quarter with a shoulder injury.



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Offense

WR ANDRE
RECTOR

The sophomore led the team in receiving with eight catches for 168 yards and two touchdowns.



Defense

LB ADAM
LONG

He led the defense with 11 tackles. Five of them were solo and he assisted on six others.

Questions
before kickoffAnswers after
the final snap

1 Who will start at quarterback for the Bearcats?

Lamberson got the start for the Bearcats and played decent in the loss. He finished 17-35-280-1-2. He was sacked five times.

2 Will RB Shon Wells have a breakout game?

A definitive no has to go here. Wells had 11 carries for only 35 yards.

3 How will the run defense hold against CMSU running back Kegan Coleman?

Horribly. The 'Cats had no answer for the CMSU rushing attack. Missed tackles led to big days from Lee Thompson and Kegan Coleman. The Mules rushed for 313 yards.

4 Will Northwest make more than one field goal?

No. But Jamie Martin was 1-1 and that was a 40-yard field goal, the longest of his collegiate career.

5 Will we see a repeat of last year's defensive performance?

Hardly. This was an offensive shootout from the start. The two teams combined to score 76 points between them.

CMSU duo runs wild on 'Cats

Coleman rushes for 164 yards, Thompson goes for 128; Dismantle Northwest run defense

By CLARK GRELL
DESIGN EDITOR

John Edmonds stood alone near the end of the defensive bench on the sidelines with three minutes remaining and Northwest down 45-24, maybe wondering how he and the defense were going to get through this.

After all, the Bearcats hadn't seen anything like what was going on in the fourth quarter of Saturday's loss to Central Missouri State University for a long time.

"Defensively, it's our job to dig down and make plays and that didn't happen," said Edmonds, a senior linebacker. "You do that by knowing your assignment, executing it, staying in the gap and wrapping up the back and we haven't shown that all year."

Central running backs Kegan Coleman and Lee Thompson threw fits for a Northwest defense that has been trying to show consistency for three games now.

Not even Northwest head coach Mel Tjeerdsma wanted to see the rushing statistics from Saturday's loss. Coleman rushed for 164 yards on 23

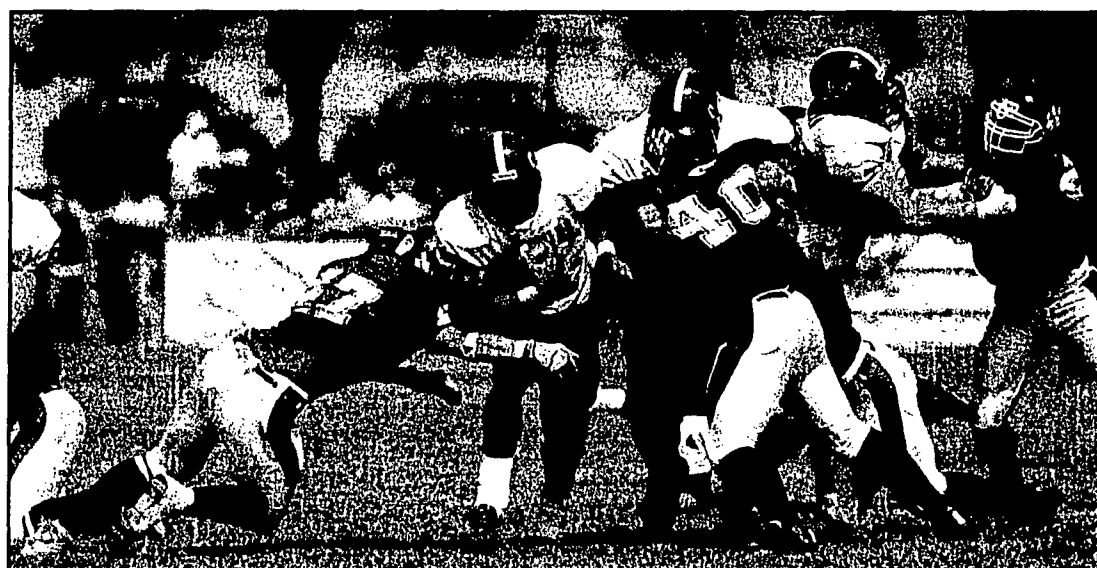


PHOTO BY BILL KNUST/EDITOR IN CHIEF

Central running back Kegan Coleman runs through the tackle of Northwest linebacker Heath Finch. Coleman ran for 164 yards on 23 carries against the 'Cats. It was the third straight game the 'Cats defense has allowed a 100-yard rusher.

carries and Thompson added another 128 yards on 15 carries. They both combined for three touchdowns, two of them coming late in the fourth quarter from Thompson.

Things were definitely different from last year when Northwest won 10-7 and the Central rushing attack was unable to find itself all day.

"The difference was, they only played with the down linemen this year," Coleman said. "Coach felt that with two tight ends in the game, we could run against the 30 front."

The Central offensive line was able to dominate the Northwest defense throughout the day, especially in the

fourth quarter. Thompson was able to break off touchdown runs of 50 and 21 yards to cap off the win for the Mules.

"The offensive line was great," Coleman said. "They came out and played great all four quarters."

When the game clock expired, Central had racked up 313 rushing yards.

"They ran the football on us," Tjeerdsma said. "They controlled the football and when their quarterback went out, it was pretty obvious they were going to run the football then. We just couldn't stop it."

Giving up those yards can be mostly attributed to missing tackles, junior linebacker Adam Long said.

"I don't think it was how difficult it was," Long said. "I think it was just us not playing sound football. We didn't do the things we had to do."

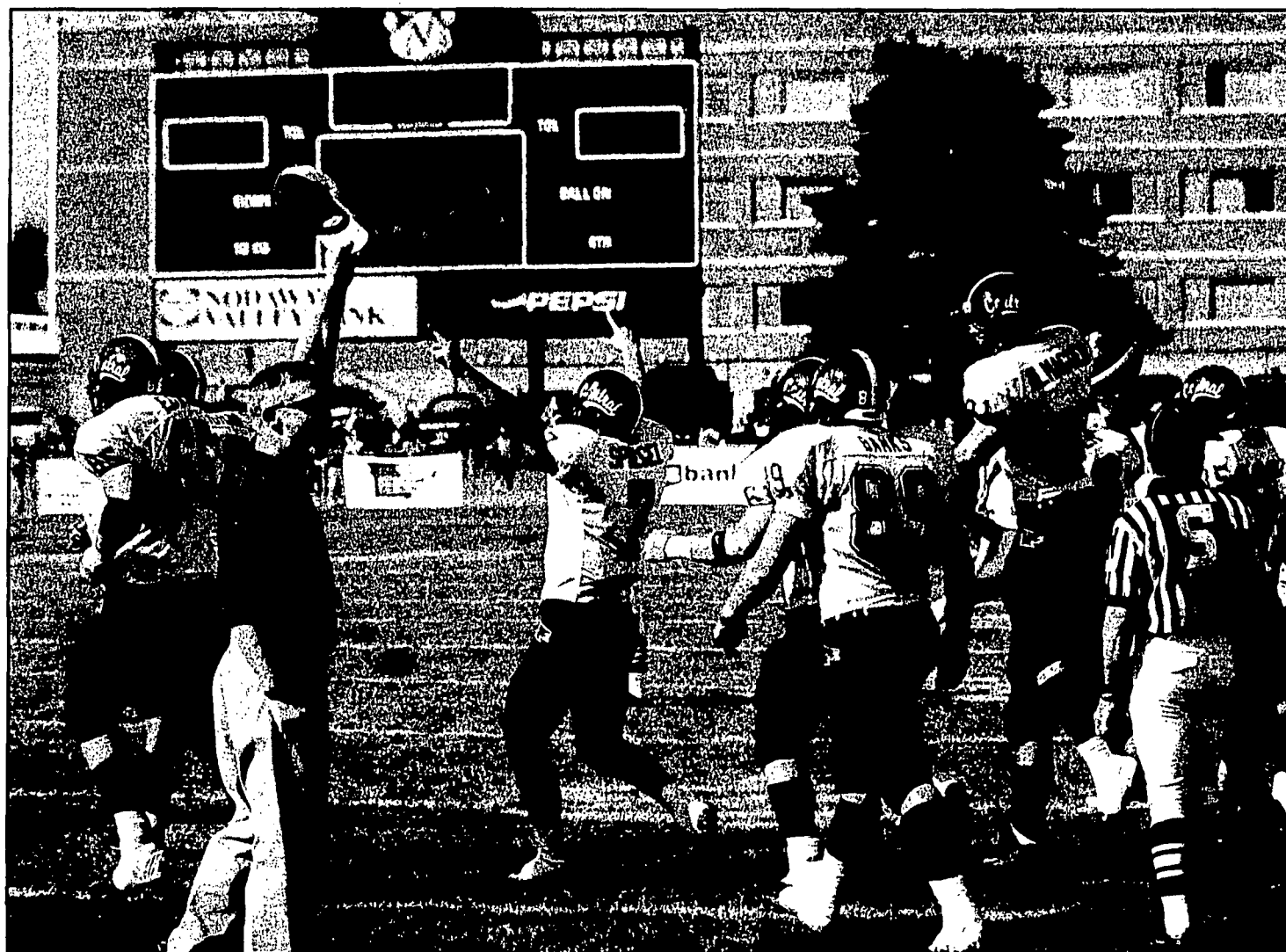
Giving up 100 yards rushing to one running back in a game has been a familiar theme this year, unfortunately for the Northwest defense. South Dakota State University was able to have a back rush for more than 100 yards in the first game and just last week, Minnesota-Mankato's Bobby Ruffin rushed for 150 yards last week.

Now, two more can be added to that list.

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Bearcats 24 Mules 52

Most points allowed at home since 1988 ... Rector brothers combine for 227 passing yards ... CMSU has won two of last three meetings



The Central Missouri State University football team celebrates its 52-24 victory as the clock ticks 00:00. The 52 points mark the most points an opponent has scored at Rickenbrode Stadium since 1988, when West Texas scored 65 points on the 'Cats.

PHOTO BY BILL KNUST/EDITOR IN CHIEF

WHOOPE!

Central eases through Bearcats at Rickenbrode and makes the road to another MIAA title harder

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

For the first three quarters, it looked like junior wide receiver Andre Rector was going to use the MIAA opener as a coming out party.

"They manned up outside," quarterback Josh Lamberson said. "We were able to take advantage of that with Andre and he made some great catches."

Rector's party ended in the fourth quarter with a shoulder injury after catching a pass and running out of bounds. Rector left the game with eight receptions and 168 yards.

"It was his shoulder," head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "I don't know how serious it is. Obviously he was in a lot of pain, but I don't see it as a season ending thing."

Northwest appeared to be every bit as good as the No. 7 Central Missouri State University Mules going into the fourth quarter.

The Bearcats were able to keep the score tied through the first three quarters thanks to a long passing attack, but as Central gained a lead, Northwest's offense seemed to disappear.

"The fourth quarter when we got behind we had to throw the football and they knew we were going to throw it," Tjeerdsma said. "All Roderick (Green) had to do was tee off and go and he's pretty good at that."

Central's defense was the true story in the fourth quarter, allowing the Bearcats only 32 yards on their six fourth-quarter

possessions.

"We had the eye of the tiger," Mules head coach Willie Fritz said. "We saw a little bit of blood one time and boom, we went for it."

When the offense disappeared, so did the chances for the Bearcats in their 52-24 loss.

In the first quarter, Northwest answered the Mules first score with a 12-play, 75-yard drive, capped off by a 3-yard run by Lamberson.

Two possessions later, Northwest would get on the board again, this time by kicker Jamie Martin on a 40-yard field goal.

Central answered the Bearcats field goal with a touchdown run by quarterback Zach Threadgill.

The 'Cats returned the favor on the ensuing drive going 75 yards and hitting Rector with a 20-yard scoring strike.

With a 17-14 lead, Northwest hoped to go into the second half

with a lead, but before they could do that, Threadgill hit tight end Ted Maxwell with a 67-yard touchdown pass to give the Mules a 21-17 halftime lead.

"I don't think we played very well in the first half," Fritz said. "We had some guys in the wrong covers. I don't know if it was big game pressure or what."

The Mules tacked on a field goal at the beginning of the third quarter to give them a 7-point lead.

With time running out in the third quarter, Lamberson again found his favorite target, Rector with a 20-yard touchdown pass to tie the score.

"For three quarters we played good football," Tjeerdsma said. "Our offense played well, our special teams played well. We gave up one big play. Other than that we played good consistent football. It's not all gloom and doom. The big thing for us is to recover from this."

Northwest 24
CMSU 52

Scoring by quarter

Central	7	14	3	28	52
Northwest	7	10	7	0	24

First quarter

CMSU - Maxwell 7 yd pass from Threadgill, (Starks kick), 8:43

NW - Lamberson 3 yd run, (Martin kick), 3:24

Second quarter

NW - Martin 40 yd FG, 11:31

CMSU - Threadgill 1 yd run, (Starks kick), 6:03

NW - A. Rector 20 yd pass from Lamberson, (Martin kick), 3:32

CMSU - Maxwell 67 yd pass from Threadgill, (Starks kick), 2:02

Third quarter

CMSU - Starks 19 yd FG, 10:22

NW - A. Rector 20 yd pass from Lamberson, (Martin kick), 9:09

Fourth quarter

CMSU - Coleman 40 yd run, (Starks kick), 12:47

CMSU - Crosby 12 yd pass from Sangster, (Starks kick), 7:29

CMSU - Thompson 50 yd run, (Starks kick), 4:01

CMSU - Thompson 21 yd run, (Starks kick), 2:01

Game stats

NW	Stat	CMSU
14	First downs	21
319	Total yards	490
32	Rush attempts	47
39	Rushing yards	313
36	Pass attempts	15
17	Pass comp.	11
280	Passing yards	198
169	Return yards	110
6-38.3	Punt-avg.	6-49.8
4-3	Fumbles-lost	3-2
7-46	Penalties-yds.	4-35
1-5	Sacks by-yards	5-29
29:37	Time of Poss.	30:23

Individual stats

Passing: NW, Lamberson 17-35-280-1-2; CMSU, Threadgill 9-12-179-0-2, Sangster 2-3-19-0-1

Rushing: NW, Wells 11-35, Fiech 2-4, Lamberson 18-3-1, Herring 1- (-) 3; CMSU, Coleman 23-264-1, Thompson 15-128-2, Heiskell 1-9, Threadgill 7- (-) 8

Receiving: NW, A. Rector 8-168-2, J. Rector 3-59, Herring 3-36, A. Otte 2-14, Wells 1-3; CMSU, Conner 3-60, Maxwell 2-74-2, Heiskell 2-24, Stowers 1-17, Crosby 1-12, Coleman 1-6, Vassor 1-5

Other scores

Saturday

Pittsburg State 48, Truman State 8
Fort Hays St. 33, No. 11 Chadron St. 28
Missouri Western 39, SW Baptist 9
No. 16 Emporia St. 35, Washburn 28
No. 17 Nebraska-Omaha 52, WWash. 28
Western State 49, Nebraska-Kearney 41

Schedule

Sept. 6	SDSU	L, 0-20
Sept. 13	Mankato	W, 23-16
Sept. 20	CMSU	L, 24-52
Sept. 27	Missouri-Rolla	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	Washburn	1 p.m.
Oct. 11	Emporia State	2 p.m.
Oct. 18	Missouri Southern	1 p.m.
Oct. 25	Missouri Western	1 p.m.
Nov. 1	Truman State	1 p.m.
Nov. 8	Southwest Baptist	1 p.m.
Nov. 15	Pittsburg State	2 p.m.

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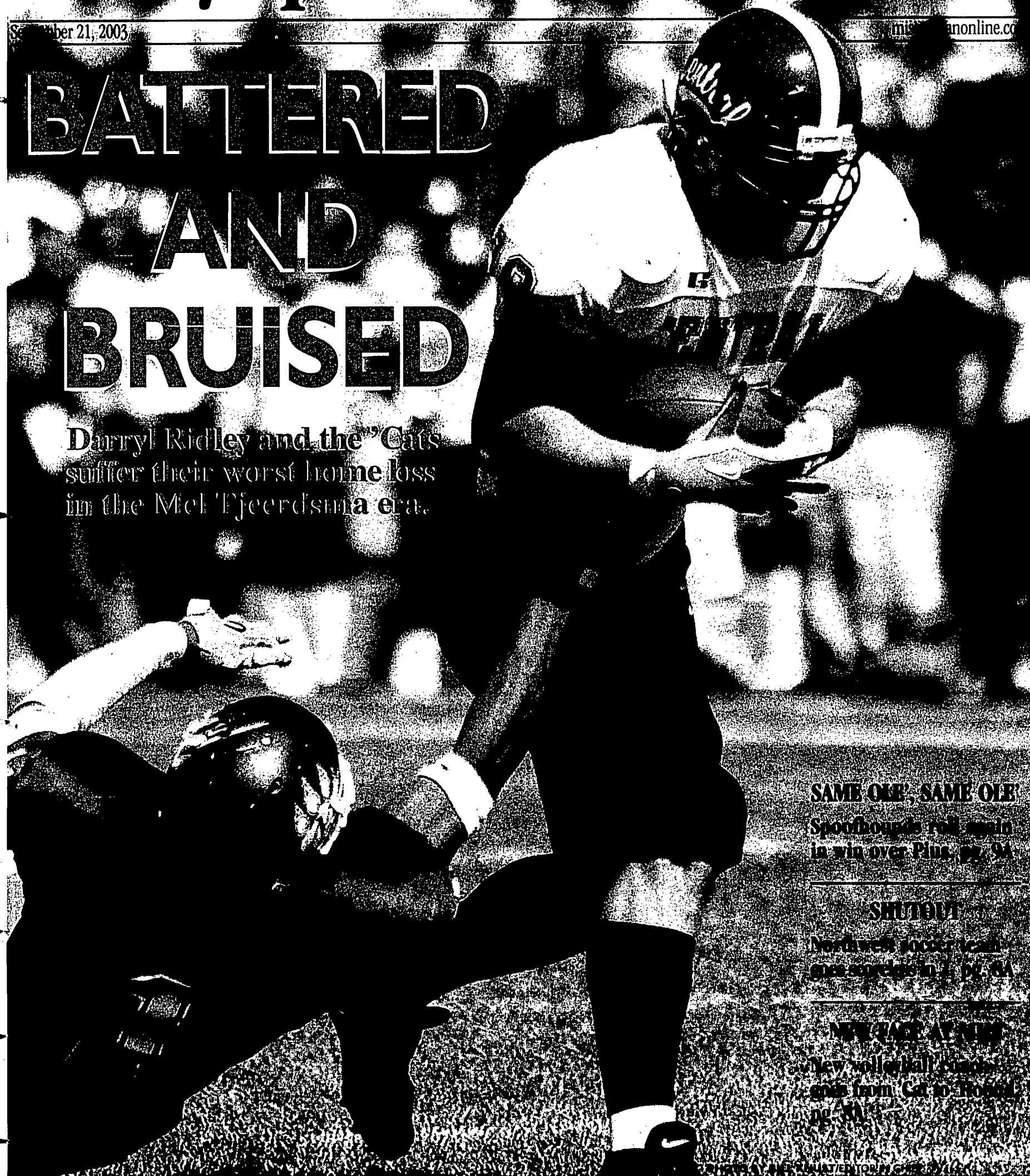
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Darryl Ridley and the "Cats" suffer their worst home loss in the Mel Tjeerdsmma era.



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in win over Pine, pg. 9A

SHUTOUT
Northwest soccer team
gets another win, pg. 9A

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New volleyball coach
goes from Car to Rocking
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